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4. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Herb Roback, Staff Director, House Government Operations Committee, and told him that although we had nothing that may be published as yet, the purchaser has agreed to withdraw his action from CAB and to relinquish his certificates which should preclude any contemplated legal action on the part of the intervenors. Roback feels that this is good. He asked that I keep him advised since he has been getting frequent questions. He noted, in passing, that the Howard Hunt testimony before the Senate yesterday and questioning by the members would seem to reimplicate the Agency anew in the minds of many. It is his opinion that this is somewhat unfortunate.

5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the Committee schedule is shaping up and he would like to reserve 9 and 10 October for the Director's presentation of the community and CIA budgets. In brief, he told me he will restrict the questions prepared for members to allow full utilization of the time for presentation by Mr. Colby if he so desires. In this manner it might be possible to complete the intelligence community briefing in the morning of the 9th and the Agency briefing during the afternoon. He does want to reserve the 10th, however, for possible spillover. Preston requested a copy of the two presentations, community and CIA, for his review by the 3rd of October. Charles Briggs, OPPB, and [redacted] IC, have been advised. 25X1A

I brought Preston up-to-date on the Senate session on the Defense bill and briefed him on Soviet renovation of a SS-7 launch site and Turkish arrest of a Palestinian.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning the request from Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff, for a briefing for the full Committee on [redacted] and told him that we could not provide such a briefing. Czarnecki asked that this discussion concerning briefing for the House Committee be considered informal and off-the-record for the present. He then noted that some way must be found to avoid embarrassment for the Director, Chairman Morgan, of the full Committee, and Chairman Fascell, of the Subcommittee, in a context where Senator Mansfield and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are pressing for a similar briefing. I made no comment concerning the Senate. After some discussion Czarnecki agreed that an intelligence briefing in executive session might be a feasible alternative with the understanding that the question would be raised during the briefing whether the [redacted] without further discussion of the Agency role. I told him I would try to be back in touch during the day.

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